



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, millions of small business owners in America, including many Idaho citizens, exemplify the freedom we enjoy as citizens of this great nation – the freedom to produce, to create wealth, to earn and save and invest, and to make opportunities for ourselves and others; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the efforts of all entrepreneurs as they remind us, through their work, of the importance of economic freedom; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for the contributions of Idaho's small business owners' tremendous contributions to our economy, our competitiveness, and our entire way of life; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that our small business owners create wealth, develop new products and services, enhance existing products and services, and offer jobs and opportunities to many other Idahoans and Americans; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans have a great source of pride in the creativity, confidence and skills of small business owners who help ensure that Idaho and America will continue to grow and prosper in freedom and opportunity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 25 through 31, 2003, to be

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

in Idaho, and I call upon all Idahoans to join in saluting our small business men and women by observing the week and supporting and participating in the activities sponsored by Chambers of Commerce, industrial and commercial organizations, trade associations, and other public and private organizations.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Isakson".

BEN ISAKSON
SECRETARY OF STATE